

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 and 10-23 are pending. The Office Action rejects claims 1, 8, 9, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Suzuki (EP 0 738 064) and objects to claims 2-7 and 10-18 as dependent upon rejected base claims. The Office Action indicates that claims 2-7 and 10-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This Amendment cancels claims 1 and 9, amends claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 19, and adds new claims 20-23. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 9 are canceled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, and 13 are rewritten in independent form and are allowable, as indicated by the Office Action. Claims 6 and 14 are amended to depend from claims 5 and 13, respectively, and are also allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 5 and 13. Claims 4, 6-8, 12, and 14-23 depend from the independent claims, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims.

Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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